



## Seeking Members and Alternates for the National Tribal Steering Committee for Injury Prevention

The National Tribal Steering Committee (TSC) for Injury Prevention maintains open recruitment for enthusiastic new members and/or alternates from all Indian Health Service Areas with vacancies on the Tribal Steering Committee (currently Alternates are needed from: Aberdeen, Albuquerque, Bemidji, Nashville, Portland, and Phoenix Areas)

### **The TSC has 3 objectives:**

- On a national level, to raise awareness of, and support for, injury prevention activities in Native American communities;
- To enhance the ability of Tribes to address injury problems in their communities;
- To provide advice and guidance to the Injury Prevention Program of the Indian Health Service.

The committee is expanding its site on the Internet, compiling Area-specific information on injury problems and activities, and promoting increased funding for injury prevention programs in Native American communities. The TSC covers members' travel and related expenses.

### **TSC members and alternates need to:**

1. Be tribal employees (including police/EMTs/nurses) or tribal community members who are not employed by IHS
2. Have completed at least one course in injury prevention (IP) or have at least 2 years experience in injury prevention (e.g., as a project manager of an injury prevention infrastructure grant).
3. Submit a letter stating their qualifications, reasons for wanting to join the TSC, and commitment to fulfilling the core roles of the TSC (please see list below).
4. Provide a letter of support from the Area Injury Prevention Specialist.
5. Provide a letter of support from a tribal official.

**Selection Committee members** are Helen Andon (Koyukon Athabaskan), Feliciano Cruz (Pasqua Yaqui), Lawrence Garnanez (Navajo), Norma McAdams (Hoopa Valley), and Alan Dellapenaa, IHS Hdqtrs

**For more information about the TSC**, please contact Helen Andon, Chair at 907-729-3513 ([handon@anthc.org](mailto:handon@anthc.org)), Antoinelle Benally Thompson, Vice-Chair at 218 878 2183, or any TSC member. A list of all TSC members is available on the Internet at [www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention](http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention). **Please send all application items to:**

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### **Core Roles of TSC Members**

#### **A. Work with Tribes:**

1. Make a list of Injury Prevention contacts within each Tribe in your Area.
2. Conduct at least 2 calls (phone or in-person) per year with Tribal contacts to obtain feedback on IP programs and provide information on IP activities and opportunities.
3. E-mail or fax TSC minutes to each Tribal contact.

#### **B. Work with IHS Area/Tribal Injury Specialists:**

1. Meet at least quarterly with the Area/Tribal IHS Injury Prevention Specialist to:
  - Review the Area IP budget
  - Discuss feedback from Tribal IP contacts
  - Identify funding and training opportunities for Tribal IP programs
  - Review UNC Area evaluation
2. Participate in the Area's annual IHS budget formulation process to increase funding for IP. Tribal leaders make recommendations at the Service Unit/Health Board level and Area Office.

#### **C. Participate on a regional/national level:**

1. Participate in TSC conference calls every month (1st Thursday at 12 noon EST).
2. Attend at least 2 national TSC meetings per year (Alternates attend in the TSC member's absence)
3. Respond in a timely way to TSC communications.